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Serial No. 09/977,615

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"SOLID SUPPORT ASSAY SYSTEMS AND
METHODS UTILIZING NON-STANDARD
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In the matter of the above-identified application, and prior to examination on the
merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.

In the claims:

Please add the following new claim:

26. A method of assaying a target oligonucleotide comprising steps of:

(a) contacting an analyte comprising the analyte-specific sequence with a first primer
and a second primer, the second primer comprising, in 5' to 3' order, a non-complementary
sequence, a non-standard base, and an analyte-specific sequence;

(b) enzymatically extending the primers to form a target oligonucleotide and a second
oligonucleotide, wherein one of the target oligonucleotide and the second oligonucleotide
comprises the analyte-specific sequence and the other comprises a sequence complementary
to the analyte-specific sequence;

(c) hybridizing to the extension product of the second primer of step (b) a tagged,
allele-specific primer comprising, in 5' to 3' order, a 5' tagging sequence comprising a non-



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.
Applicant claims small entity status. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	25	1	X \$9	9.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	5	1	X \$42	42.00	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT -----		51.00	

A check in the amount of \$51.00 is attached.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please
consider this a request for same.

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Respectfully submitted,

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